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The County of Los Angeles is receiving many complaints about D&D Rendering Company, located in Vernon, and allegations about their processing operation for deceased animals. Members of the public claim that D&D Rendering is processing animal carcasses into agricultural food that is eventually fed to animals that we eat. These claims have stemmed from a fundraising letter by DELTA Rescue, a non profit animal rescue organization.

The County has a sole source contract with D&D Rendering Company to dispose of approximately 80,000 dead animals taken each year from County shelters. D&D Rendering provides this service to all of the animal agencies in six southern California counties.

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The primary regulator of this company is the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Supposedly, this is a heavily regulated operation. Nonetheless, the County of Los Angeles has an obligation to ensure the public health and safety of our residents.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to the State of California requesting a full investigation of D&D Rendering Company by the California Department of Food and Agriculture and provide the County of Los Angeles with a copy of the results.

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